IN THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A playback apparatus for playing a video stream recorded on a recording medium, the recording medium including a computer program that is to be executed during playback of the video stream, the video stream including control information for specifying a location on a time axis relating to playback timing of video of the video stream, and the computer program including predetermined codes for designating a plurality of images and a rendition time corresponding to each image, the playback apparatus comprising:

a storage unit memory;

a player that operable to successively plays play the video according to the control information;

a program executer that interprets and executes operable to interpret and execute the predetermined codes for storing the designated plurality of images and the rendition time corresponding to each image in the storage unit memory;

an image selector that selects operable to select at least one image of the plurality of images to be rendered based on (a) a specified location on a time axis relating to the playback timing of the video included in the control information and (b) the rendition time corresponding to each image stored in the storage unit memory; and

a renderer that renders operable to render the selected at least one image during playback of the video.

2. – 7. (Cancelled).

8.   (New) A playback method, in a playback apparatus comprising a storage unit, for playing a video stream recorded on a recording medium, the recording medium including a computer program that is to be executed during playback of the video stream, the video stream including control information for specifying a location on a time axis relating to playback timing of video of the video stream, the computer program including predetermined codes for designating a plurality of images and a rendition time corresponding to each image, comprising:

successively playing the video according to the control information;

interpreting and executing the predetermined codes for storing the designated plurality of images and the rendition time corresponding to each image in the storage unit;

selecting at least one image of the plurality of images to be rendered based on a specified location on a time axis relating to the playback timing of the video included in the control information, and the rendition time corresponding to each image stored in the storage unit; and

rendering the selected at least one image during playback of the video.